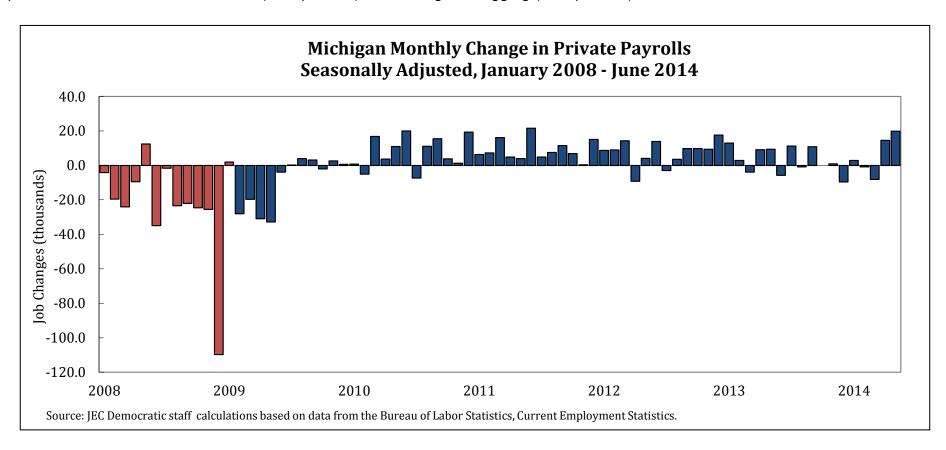
## **ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT: MICHIGAN**

\*\*Includes Bureau of Labor Statistics jobs and unemployment data through June 2014\*\*

#### **JOBS**

- In June, private-sector employment in Michigan grew by 19,800 jobs. Over the past year, the Michigan private sector has added 34,900 jobs. This compares with an increase of 91,200 jobs over the 12 months ending in June 2013.
- Michigan private-sector employers have added 348,700 jobs (an increase of 10.9 percent) since February 2010, the national low point for private-sector employment.
- In Michigan, the following sectors have posted the largest job gains since February 2010: professional and business services (104,400 jobs), manufacturing (104,200 jobs) and trade, transportation and utilities (51,400 jobs).
- The Michigan sectors with the greatest job gains in percentage terms since February 2010 are: manufacturing (22.5 percent), professional and business services (20.7 percent) and mining and logging (18.3 percent).



#### UNEMPLOYMENT

- The unemployment rate in Michigan was 7.5 percent in June 2014, holding constant from May. The rate is down 1.4 percentage points from one year earlier and is below its recent peak of 14.2 percent in August 2009.
- 357,400 Michigan residents were unemployed during June 2014, down from a recent high of 686,200 in August 2009. There are now 1,400 fewer people unemployed in Michigan than when the recession began.
- In Michigan, initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits totaled 49,251 during May, down 23.4 percent from the previous month. Total initial claims over the past 12 months are down 10.8 percent from their level over the 12 months before that.

### **EXPORTS**

- In Michigan, exports totaled \$5.2 billion in May and \$58.8 billion over the past year, up 1.5 percent from the 12 months ending in May 2013 (inflation-adjusted dollars).
- Michigan exports over the past 12 months are up 34.5 percent from their level in the same 12-month period four years earlier (inflation-adjusted dollars).

#### Housing

- Home prices in Michigan increased by 6.4 percent from the first quarter of 2013 to the first quarter of 2014 (the most recent quarter for which data are available). They are up 11.9 percent since their recent low in the second quarter of 2011 but remain 20.0 percent below their pre-housing-crash peak.
- Housing starts in Michigan totaled 20,120 units (seasonally adjusted annual rate) in May 2014, an increase of 21.9 percent from April.
- Within the Midwest census region, which includes Michigan, sales of new single-family homes totaled 74,000 units in May 2014, an increase of 1.4 percent from April. Sales of existing single-family homes increased by 10.4 percent to 1,060,000 units (at seasonally adjusted annual rates) from April to May 2014.

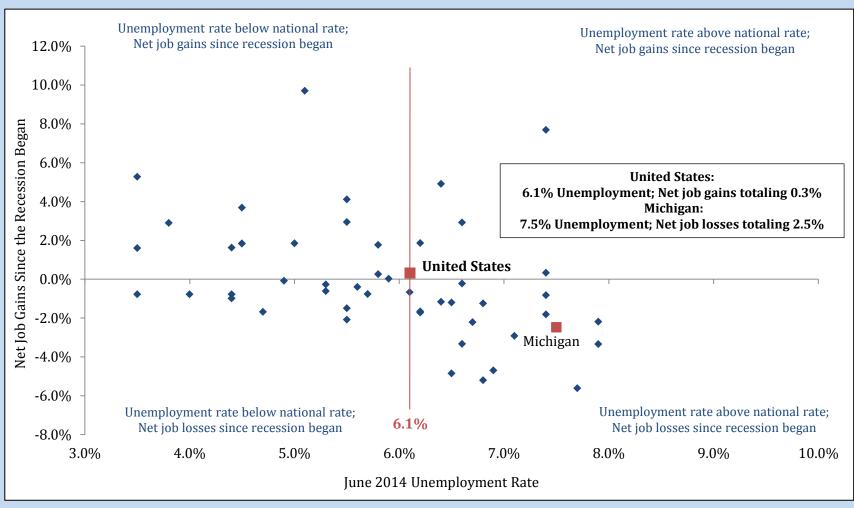
<sup>\*</sup> For Michigan-specific labor sector statistics, please refer to the Michigan office: http://www.milmi.org/

# How Does Michigan Compare to Other States?

Workers across the country were hit hard during the recent recession. Since then, employment in some states has returned to pre-recession levels, while employment in other states remains below pre-recession levels. The chart below allows for a comparison of Michigan to other states using two metrics.

The unemployment rate (measured along the horizontal axis) serves as a gauge of current labor-market conditions in Michigan, while net job gains since the recession began (current nonfarm jobs as a share of jobs prior to the recession) measures progress toward labor-market recovery (vertical axis).

States falling in the upper left quadrant have net job gains since the start of the recession and unemployment rates lower than the national unemployment rate. States falling in the lower right quadrant have higher unemployment rates than the United States overall and are still experiencing net job losses relative to pre-recession levels.



Note: The figure above excludes North Dakota, which has a current unemployment rate of 2.7% and net job gains totaling 28.3% since the start of the recession.

	STATE QUICK FACTS		
		Michigan	<b>United States</b>
Unemployment Rates	. June 2014	7.5%	6.1%
	June 2013	8.9%	7.5%
	June 2012	9.2%	8.2%
	June 2011	10.7%	9.1%
Percent of Population Who Are Veterans	. 2013	8.5%	9.0%
All Veterans' Unemployment Rate	. 2013	10.6%	6.6%
Post-9/11 Veterans' Unemployment Rate	. 2013	13.5%	9.0%
Median Household Income	2012	\$ 50,015	\$ 51,017
(2012 \$)	2007	\$ 54,672	\$ 55,627
Poverty Rate	2012	13.7%	15.0%
	2007	10.8%	12.5%
No Health Insurance	2012	10.9%	15.4%
	2007	10.8%	14.7%